

Pacific Islander Advisory Council

Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2003
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Place: DCED, Room 502

MINUTES

Present

Janise Macanas
Supi Ma'ilei
Otto Johansson
Celeste Tonga
Veisia Mo'ungaafi
Uina Vakapuna
Hiagi Wesley

Office of Pacific Islander Affairs

William P. Afeaki
Serafi Auva'a

Staff

Darrell Kirby

Excused

Charlene Lui
Selena Roberts

1. **Welcome:** Janise Macanas, council chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting, which began at approximately 11:55 a.m.

2. **Minutes:** Since there was not a quorum present at the February 19, 2003 meeting, there were no minutes to approve. However, there are notes available for the discussion that took place.
3. **School District Reports:** Janise urged council members to read the reports provided by the school districts and be prepared next month to give constructive feedback on the reports. The meetings with the Jordan and Granite school districts went well; the Alpine and Salt Lake school district meetings are being rescheduled.
4. **All State Banquet:** The banquet was held Friday, March 14, 2003 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and 26 athletes were honored this year. Janise thanked Selena, Supi, and Uina for attending the banquet. Concern was raised that the banquet was held too early in the year, leaving out Pacific Islander athletes from other sports such as basketball, wrestling, & track and field. Bill noted that the athlete's who were not honored at the banquet would be honored at the Sr. High GIFT Conference. A suggestion was made that perhaps the council members could be of more assistance in putting together the conferences. Council members were reminded of the Jr./Sr. GIFT Conferences, which will be held April 26th, & May 10th. The governor will be attending the May 10th GIFT conference.
5. **Absences/Attendance at Meetings:** Concern was brought up about the attendance of council members. Janise asked if the current date & time was feasible for everyone; no one objected or brought up concerns about the assigned time/date. Janise stated that more of a commitment from everyone is needed in order for the council to be effective. Bill informed the council that commitment from everyone is important, especially since the Governor & his staff will be meeting with each ethnic council on a quarterly basis to see how things are going. If one cannot make it to a meeting, call or email the secretary & let her know.
6. **Interviews:** Janise advised everyone that she and Supi interviewed current council members and potential council members. One of the main purposes in interviewing current council members was to get feedback on how they thought things were going. One of the questions they asked those applying for the council position was whether they would be available to attend the monthly meetings. Janise & Supi emphasized once again the importance of attending the meetings.
7. **Kingdom Football Bowl in Tonga:** Supi reported that there was fundraising going on for a group of Tongan high school football players that would be playing in Tonga. He proceeded to pass out a packet explaining what the trip consisted of.
8. **Other Business:** Bill informed the council members of the New Century/AMES high school that will be opening up this coming fall. Applications for AMES are to be postmarked no later than March 31b 2003. There will be 500 students admitted, and if there are more, students are chosen on a lottery basis. Applications and brochures were handed out to council members.

Congratulations to Janise who is one of the top 5 people being considered for the 3rd District Juvenile Judgeship. The final decision is up to the governor who will appoint someone soon.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2003